

Welcome to the ...

CFB Trenton Yacht Club est. 1961.



Information for new members
and reminders for old hands.

Welcome to CFB Trenton Yacht Club!

Founded in 1961 as a self-help club, we offer a wide range of boating activities including racing, lift-in/out, dockage & winter storage to the 8 Wing Military family.

For those new to the area, Trenton sits at the western end of the Bay of Quinte — a Z-shaped waterway famed for its excellent sailing conditions and sheltered anchorages — that runs from the Murray Canal east to Kingston.

The primary aim of the Club is to develop an interest in boating by encouraging as many people as possible to try the sport. Therefore, the emphasis is on community participation, fun and friendship at the lowest possible cost.

In that spirit, the heart of our Club is volunteerism. As a member, you will be expected to attend two spring and two fall work parties. You are free to attend more, but four is the minimum. That said, we know life happens, so if you aren't able to meet your share, this may be waived, but only if you contact our Volunteer Coordinator. We are, of course, supportive of our military members whose shift work, deployments or exercises may prevent them from fulfilling these requirements.

If you can't attend regular work parties, we have many tasks that can be accomplished either on your own or in small groups. Based on your skills and preferences, we will find a position for you on one of the club teams helping with social, racing or maintenance activities. In addition, there are always opportunities to serve on the Club Executive where you can make your own unique contribution.

These activities are what makes this a vibrant club, a place where everyone knows your name, and where the whole family can be involved. It is also a great opportunity for your spouse to make new friends, and to get your teens off their devices.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to reach out to the Commodore or any Flag member. You can find contact info for Flag and Executive Committees on our website at [www.cfbtrentonyc.com /More/ Members Only](http://www.cfbtrentonyc.com/More/Members Only).

The Fore'n Aft

Published digitally six times a year, the Club Newsletter will keep you informed with interesting articles, personal stories, photographs and nautical facts. For submissions or comments, email the Editor at: theforenaft@gmail.com.

CFB Trenton Yacht Club Website

Home to the Club calendar, membership info, current and back issues of the Fore'n Aft Newsletter, Constitution and By-laws, announcements and other useful Club information. Check it all out at www.cfbtrentonyc.com.

CPS, RCAF Trenton Squadron

The Club is host to the RCAF Trenton SQN, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS) which offers a wide range of safe boating support services:

— SAFE BOATING COURSES

The first step to boating is the PCOC test. Passing this will get you off the dock.

Taking CPS-approved courses will not only get you OFF the dock, it will get you back home — safely. Learn more at: bayofquinteboaters.ca.

— RECREATIONAL VESSEL COURTESY CHECKS

Do you have the correct safety equipment on board your boat, and is it in good working order? CPS provides free safety checks through-out the boating season.

— MARINE FLARE LIVE FIRE/DEMONSTRATION DAYS

This popular event is held every second year during September. Learn to safely fire a Marine Flare while also disposing of your outdated flares.

Club Social Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BBQS

Every Wednesday during racing season, we hold a BBQ on the back deck overlooking the Bay. The bar opens at 5.30 to serve wine, beer and soft-drinks to members and guests. Sausages, burgers and salads are available to barbecue, making this the perfect way to spend a balmy summer evening, whether racing or just relaxing with friends.

SAIL-PAST AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET

To open the season, the Commodore hosts a Sail-past in the Spring. Sail-pasts stem from an old Navy custom in which the entire Fleet, both Power and Sail, pays tribute to the Commodore with all flags flying. It is customary for sailboats to dip their head sail as they pass the Commodore's vessel. Preceding the Sail-past is a Blessing of the Fleet by the Club Chaplain, another very old and time-honoured maritime tradition. Following the Sailpast, the bar will be open and a supper served in the Clubhouse.

SPECIAL EVENT BBQS

We like our food at CFB Trenton Yacht Club, which means at least one event a month throughout the summer warrants special treatment. Steak dinners are popular with one in May after the Belleville-Trenton race, and another to kick off the Round the County event. We host a family barbecue on Canada Day, usually with fries, a Wing Night later in July, and our Club Regatta in September wraps up with a Corn Roast.

FAMILY DAY

As the name implies, this special day is filled with fun activities for children of all ages including a craft table, treasure hunt, water balloons and, if weather permits, dinghy racing in the harbour.

DOCKSIDE PARTY

Members invite fellow boaters on board their boats to sample tasty snacks and beverages around a chosen theme. The party then moves on to the next boat to repeat the process. Prizes are awarded for best food, drinks, decorations, costumes, etc. You get the picture.

GAMES NIGHT

The Club house is open every third Friday for a social evening. We bring snacks and beverages to enjoy while playing cards, board games or Penny Puck Pool, a scaled-down variation of the well known table game.

TROPHY NIGHT

Capping off the boating season, the annual presentation of trophies, awards and commendations honours the top sailors as well as those members who have made a significant contribution to the Club. This may be combined with another planned event.

OKTOBERFEST

One of the Club's most popular events comes late in the year and, as the name implies, it features a German theme with bratwurst, red cabbage, sauerkraut and fries. For dessert, there's an appropriate choice of Black Forest Cake and a selection of pies.

COMMODORE'S BALL

A rare chance to get dressed up — and to see your friends in something other than shorts and loafers! We treat ourselves to a slap-up sit-down catered dinner with choice of desserts, followed by dancing to live music provided by a local band. Reservations are a must for this well-attended November tribute to the outgoing Commodore.

Racing Highlights

CLUB RACE NIGHT

Split into four series, Green-leaf, Diehard, Harvest and Frostbite, races run each Wednesday evening from May to October. If you want to join race crew, contact the Race and Regatta Officer at cfbtycrro@gmail.com. No experience is necessary but please bring your own lifejacket.

BELLEVILLE TO TRENTON

Our own "Spirited" warm-up attracting boats from Belleville and Presqu'ile Clubs.

SINGLE HANDED

A particularly challenging race since the skipper has no-one else to yell at.

ONCE AROUND THE BAY

Sailed in Trenton Bay, this race features a handicap-based staggered start.

SCOTCH BONNET

This 30Km race, hosted by Presqu'ile Yacht Club, starts in Presqu'ile Bay sailing onto Lake Ontario, around Scotch Bonnet Island and back to the finish line in Presqu'ile Bay.

AROUND WAUPOOS ISLAND

Sailed in Prince Edward Bay, this event pits boats from Trenton, Brighton and Waupoos against each other in a lively sprint around Waupoos Island.

AROUND THE COUNTY

A gruelling 12-hour contest that sails from Presqu'ile Bay to Belleville by the challenging Lake Ontario route.

CLUB REGATTA

Held in September the Regatta wraps up the Club's competitive season with a series of short sailboat races.

KATIE GREY AND BINNACLE

Hosted by Bay of Quinte and Prince Edward Yacht Clubs respectively, the Katie Grey sails from Belleville to Picton on the Saturday of Labour Day weekend, with the return Binnacle race to Belleville taking place the following day.

Membership

REGULAR membership is open to serving and retired Canadian Forces members.

ORDINARY membership includes serving or pensioned public or NPF employees of CFB Trenton.

ASSOCIATE memberships are open to a limited number of civilian candidates as approved by the Executive.

Visitor Information

VESSELS approaching the CFB Trenton Yacht Club should call ahead on VHF channel 68 to determine dock availability and instructions. We answer to “Canadian Forces Base Trenton Yacht Club.” Please observe all harbour navigation marks. Vessels must be signed in by the Skipper/Owner with the Dock Steward on duty. We do not accept reservations.

CHARGES apply for use of the mast crane and pump-out facilities. Use is at the user's own risk. Competency is advised. If unsure, please ask for assistance.

VISITORS are invited to use the Clubhouse during their stay with us. We have showers, microwave and sink area available, as well as a covered deck with BBQs. And for those rainy days we also have a television upstairs and a large selection of movies.

RECIPROCALs: The Club has over 60 reciprocal agreements at facilities around the lower Great Lakes/St. Lawrence as well as along the Eastern Seaboard. Visitors from these clubs are typically offered a discount equivalent to what their club offers our members. Guests who intend to make use of a reciprocal should fly their Club Burgee and show a current membership card. Details including map and list of reciprocals are available on the Club's website.



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